

## ABSTRACT

2 One embodiment of the present invention provides for a subterranean structure,  
3 having a continuous ribbon slab having a plurality of flights fabricated from concrete.  
4 The ribbon slab defines periodic openings therein which generally align between  
5 adjacent flights. Another embodiment provides for a method of fabricating a  
6 subterranean structure. The method includes excavating soil to form a downward  
7 sloping ramp, and forming a concrete slab on the downward sloping ramp. The method  
8 further includes continuing to excavate soil to extend the downward sloping ramp to a  
9 location under the concrete slab, and continuing to form the concrete slab on the  
10 downward sloping ramp so that a subterranean structure is formed having an essentially  
11 continuous concrete slab with a first portion which is above and spaced-apart from a  
12 second portion.

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